

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3631  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015

**Foreign Students**

3631. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Foreign students coming to the country has dipped drastically; and

(b) if so, the number of foreign students who arrived in the country during the last three years and the current year country-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
**(Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani)**

(a): There is no definite trend, in so far as number of foreign students coming to the country is concerned.

(b): As per the records of Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of foreign students who arrived in the country, as on 31<sup>st</sup> December of 2012, 2013 and 2014, and during the current year country-wise is attached at **Annexure**.

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## Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3631 for 21.12.2015 asked by SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN on "Foreign Students".

Country	No. of students			
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	5214	6511	2636	5605
Albania	1	26	0	2
Algeria	8	13	6	31
Andorra	1	0	0	0
Angola	100	333	300	280
Antigua & Barbuda	0	0	1	0
Argentina	44	61	23	81
Armenia	41	80	44	48
Australia	304	301	145	309
Austria	118	118	48	69
Azerbaijan	15	13	1	9
Bahamas	4	1	0	1
Bahrain	347	719	80	271
Bangladesh	1634	1983	705	5431
Barbados	0	0	0	1
Belarus	43	56	12	41
Belgium	66	98	43	125
Belize	5	14	3	1
Benin (Dahomey)	22	27	14	16
Bermuda	0	1	0	0
Bolivia	9	10	4	4
Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	7	2	4
Botswana	42	73	29	50
Brazil	185	223	58	169
Brunei Darussalam	2	3	1	0
Bulgaria	60	50	10	33
Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)	12	11	9	29
Burundi	177	311	85	110
Cambodia(Kampuchia)	141	157	20	151
Cameroon	254	386	136	124
Canada	781	915	458	527
Cape Verde	0	0	1	8
Central African Republic	1	2	1	0
Chad	120	196	109	58
Chile	35	43	13	51
China	1309	1518	367	820
Colombia	81	84	25	73
Comoros	26	4	69	58
Congo	2715	2868	994	754
Costa Rica	10	13	3	21
Côte D'ivoire	979	962	638	308
Croatia	30	31	8	10
Cuba	5	4	2	0
Cyprus	2	2	0	1
Czech Republic	47	47	8	80
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	223	759	5	1
Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire)	0	880	1257	0

Denmark	49	64	29	111
Djibouti	258	517	305	142
Dominican Island	10	0	0	5
Dominican Republic	1	10	3	6
East Timor	16	51	58	11
Ecuador	14	14	9	3
Egypt	86	134	69	153
El Salvador	8	16	5	25
Eritrea	316	621	150	251
Estonia	27	31	6	24
Ethiopia	930	1104	479	310
Fiji	150	178	64	168
Finland	69	93	27	61
France	1576	1736	422	1328
Gabon	27	42	33	26
Gambia	9	15	33	48
Georgia	10	10	0	10
Germany	1064	1271	306	687
Ghana	153	265	140	448
Greece	20	14	8	7
Grenada	0	0	0	9
Guatemala	3	5	4	22
Guinea	21	40	9	30
Guinea Bissau	0	1	2	7
Guyana	34	44	21	9
Hondurau	2	5	1	5
Hong Kong	6	15	8	0
Hungary	31	35	11	29
Iceland	12	4	0	8
Indonesia	311	328	138	268
Iran	5354	6599	2350	2872
Iraq	3232	5444	2444	2584
Ireland	49	45	25	21
Israel	67	69	41	84
Italy	289	352	96	287
Jamaica	7	10	4	7
Japan	534	536	146	326
Jordan	180	190	89	189
Kazakhstan	223	256	57	161
Kenya	1038	1182	383	351
Kiribati	5	7	0	3
Kuwait	16	20	2	5
Kyrgyzstan	97	96	11	99
Lao People's Democratic Republic	128	160	43	118
Latvia	24	19	2	19
Lebanon	29	24	9	13
Lesotho	51	53	29	129
Liberia	39	50	9	15
Libya Arab Jamahiriya	299	441	80	101
Lithuania	42	43	4	62
Luxemborg	4	6	1	10
Macau Spl. Admin Region of China	0	0	0	1
Madagascar	25	30	26	114
Malawi	37	57	23	34

Malaysia	4494	4005	3919	6471
Maldives	1562	1276	885	1028
Mali	71	78	121	110
Malta	3	2	1	1
Mauritania	83	116	50	12
Mauritius	602	609	271	698
Mexico	103	159	47	107
Monaco	0	0	0	2
Mongolia	1184	1163	557	541
Montenegro	0	0	0	3
Morocco	25	41	14	47
Mozambique	92	155	52	235
Myanmar	830	634	418	581
Namibia	172	315	192	226
Nauru	0	3	2	2
Nepal	32	39	6	15
Netherlands	140	124	56	290
New Zealand	73	88	33	57
Nicaragua	0	2	1	1
Niger	24	38	13	135
Nigeria	2339	3592	2726	2675
Norway	134	253	61	175
Oman	332	438	236	344
Others	246	116	3	7
Pakistan	621	978	6	21
Palau	0	1	0	0
Palestine	135	213	86	249
Panama	10	13	31	2
Papua-New-Guinea	12	11	20	45
Paraguay	3	4	3	12
Peru	22	18	10	37
Philippines	93	112	43	78
Poland	117	158	31	88
Portugal	30	40	9	46
Qatar	1	7	2	14
Refugees	0	0	0	3
Refugees (stateless)	0	16	0	0
Refugees (USA)	0	1	0	0
Republic of Korea	3158	3438	1839	2634
Republic of Moldova	4	150	2	6
Reunion island	14	0	0	1
Romania	46	59	16	25
Russian Federation	655	585	214	505
Rwanda	1555	1926	323	389
Saint Helena	0	0	0	1
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1	0	0
Saint Lucia	1	2	0	0
Saint Vincent and Grenadines	1	1	0	0
Saudi Arabia	492	660	190	468
Senegal	11	14	6	19
Serbia	21	10	9	41
Seychelles	76	75	68	35
Sierra Leone	20	32	5	12
Singapore	261	296	220	111

Slovakia	31	17	6	22
Slovenia	24	30	5	10
Somalia	490	995	737	947
South Africa	224	384	183	319
South Sudan	0	221	413	465
Spain	283	229	83	243
Sri Lanka	2547	2505	1643	2258
Stateless	2	64	1	2
Sudan	4759	4857	3078	3448
Suriname	6	5	1	1
Swaziland	21	13	3	17
Sweden	170	252	52	171
Switzerland	153	183	64	165
Syrian Arab Republic	208	347	164	206
Taiwan	105	115	71	90
Tajikistan	152	176	63	160
Thailand	2159	1855	1061	3161
Tibet	0	134	7	0
Togo	0	22	10	37
Tonga	13	13	4	18
Trinidad & Tobago	37	39	5	21
Tunisia	8	9	3	21
Turkey	136	197	101	119
Turkmenistan	191	344	106	222
Tuvalu	5	17	8	5
Uganda	654	737	364	394
UK British Dependent Ter. Citizens	0	0	0	1
UK British Overseas Citizens	1	1	0	0
UK British Solomon Island	0	0	2	0
UK British Subject	0	1	0	0
Ukraine	148	164	27	123
United Arab Emirates	76	25	6	36
United Kingdom	1047	976	333	339
United Republic of Tanzania	1641	2123	1300	1632
United States	4752	5449	2022	1801
Upper Volta	1	3	0	0
Uruguay	14	9	0	8
Uzbekistan	193	259	65	179
Vanuatu (New Hebrides)	1	1	0	1
Venezuela	20	39	9	27
Vietnam	862	861	121	345
West Samoa	2	2	2	7
Yemen	3192	5206	2691	3043
Yugoslavia	8	8	0	0
Zambia	184	312	138	367
Zimbabwe	131	161	84	268
Total	76753	93693	44620	66885